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Richard H. Curtis

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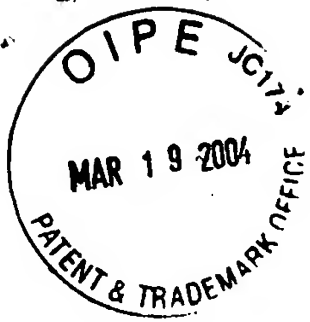
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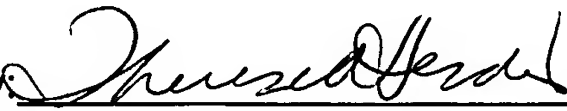
Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's stated reasons for allowable subject matter, which summarize certain features of the claims. However, the Examiner has apparently inadvertently referred to a feature of claim 1, which is not in claims 31, 32 and 33, namely: "determining the volume based on the absorbance measurements of the sample and blank solutions." Also, with regard to claim 35, the Examiner has apparently inadvertently referred to another two features of claim 1, which are not in claim 35, namely: "providing a sample solution with first and second chromophores with a maximum absorbance peaks at least 100 nm apart, and a blank solution [of] only the second chromophore in equal concentration."

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